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Q Live host Jian Ghomeshi welcomes the crowd Thursday at the Grand Theatre. The CBC Radio host recorded his show in London after a social-media campaign lured him here. More coverage, page 3. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Kony craze: Real deal or 'like' it and leave it?

Social media. More than 150,000 Canadians have used Kony-related hashtags since Monday: tbk Creative

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Invisible Children has proved at least one thing: Social media is a powerful tool that can stir emotion in millions.

What is less certain is how truly engaged tweeters and Facebook "likers" are in the San Diego organization's push for justice against Ugandan warlord Joseph Kony.

Short attention spans combined with a hashtag-and-bag-it approach could kill Kony 2012 before it even moves off web browsers and handheld devices. Then again, gauging how social-media hype will play out in the real world is touch to predict, says Anabel Quan-Haase, an associate professor at Western University.

"To say that … technology will lead to people mobilizing for doing social change … at this time we don't have clear evidence of that," said Quan-Haase, who specializes in how social media affect society.

Craig Hunter, a London web developer and activist, knows from personal experience that social-media platforms have a way of skewing popularity metrics. He's organized several good causes through Facebook event pages and skilfully constructed tweets. In some cases, a swell of online support has netted a good turnout. In other cases, it hasn't, he said.

"The most amazing thing about the Kony video is that so many people are taking literally 30 minutes out of their day to watch it," Hunter said. "That's 100 times longer than the average video most people would watch."

That, experts say, could be one sign that Invisible Children has the traction needed to provoke Kony action.

Pressure generated through YouTube, Facebook and Twitter has been credited in part with swaying political stances in the uprising against former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak. At least one high-ranking U.S. official — Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy — has publicly acknowledged the swell of support for Invisible Children.

"Glad to see so many care about #stopykony. #Human-rights abuses in central Africa are egregious & shining a spotlight is essential. #LRA," read a Thursday tweet from an account linked to his office. "I will continue to focus attention & funding on #stopkony thru @StateDept. budget panel that I lead. #LRA."

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Who is Joseph Kony?

- **Indictment.** The leader of the Lord's Resistance Army, Joseph Kony was indicted in 2005 by the International Criminal Court for crimes against humanity.
- **Child soldiers.** He founded the LRA in the 1980s and is accused of kidnapping children to form its ranks.
- **Warlord.** The LRA is believed to have killed thousands of people in South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo and other countries.

Spring forward!

Daylight time begins this weekend: Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday morning.

Rafferty trial

An emotional police investigator recalls the massive search for eight-year-old Tori Stafford in 2009.

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Un-divine comedy

Eddie Murphy's new movie, A Thousand Words, hasn't a prayer of getting a laugh.

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Mobile news

Two siblings, 5 and 11, were found living in an abandoned school bus after their parents were sent to prison. Scan the code for the story.

On the web

Fragile Fukushima

Nearly one year after the tsunami hit Japan, the Fukushima power plant remains fragile, crews continue cleaning the city and officials constantly test the food and water. how residents are dealing with the fear of radiation: metronews.ca/video

Port Stanley

Bomb scare caused by GPS hunting game?

OPP were still investigating Wednesday's bomb scare in Port Stanley Thursday, trying to identify a canister with wires coming out of it, which was spotted by a passerby.

The canister was discovered under a tree, prompting OPP to cordon off a large parking lot and the King George IV bridge in Port Stanley for a few hours. The bridge is the most frequently used one in town.

The OPP explosives disposal unit used a robot to examine the canister before detonating it around 12:30 p.m.

OPP say the device may have been a Geocache. Geocaching is a real-world treasure hunting game where participants use GPS devices to find hidden containers. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Art auction

Timeraiser call to artists opens

The call to artists for the third London Timeraiser is open. Local, emerging artists can sell their work to help inspire Londoners to donate their time in support of great causes.

Artwork will be displayed in the offices and boardrooms of our corporate partners and in community spaces for 12 months while participants complete their pledge. There is no submission fee; the submission deadline is March 16 at 11 p.m.

The Timeraiser is a silent art auction where instead of bidding money, participants bid volunteer time. To apply, create an account at: timeraiser.slideroom.com. **METRO**

They've got the rhythm-lesson blues

New York blues musician Guy Davis gives elementary school students a rhythm lesson Thursday during a Blues in the Schools event at Lester B. Pearson School for the Arts. Sponsored by the Great Lakes Blues Society, the program takes music into London classrooms with the aim of teaching kids about where the blues began and how it's influenced people's lives. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Drug shortage prompts finger-wagging at feds

Ontario slams Ottawa. Minister says there was lack of notice about prescription drug shortage

Canada's most populous province is scrambling to deal with a shortage of various prescription drugs because Ottawa didn't give enough warning about a slowdown in production, Ontario Health Minister Deb Matthews said Thursday.

Ontario only found out about the problem on Feb. 28, although the company that's responsible for the shortfall due to production issues knew long before that, she said.

"We did not get the advance notice that we should have received," Matthews said. "It is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure that we're aware of slowdowns in production in time to actually prepare a response to that."

Provinces have no way of knowing when a medication will be unavailable because Ottawa doesn't require pharmaceutical companies to publicly report gaps in supply, she said.

Some Canadian companies voluntarily report shortages of certain drugs, but a growing number of doctors and health organizations say it should be mandatory.

"It is still a voluntary notice, so that just isn't good enough," Matthews said.

It's an issue provincial and territorial health ministers will discuss Thursday afternoon in a conference call on the drug shortage, she said.

She's also written to federal Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq to insist that the provinces get as much lead time as they can to deal with any shortfalls. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Responsibility

"It is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure that we're aware of slowdowns in production in time to actually prepare a response to that."
Ontario Health Minister Deb Matthews

Education. Liberals slammed for high school graduation measures

Ontario's Liberal government is "cheating" when it includes students who take five years to complete the four-year high school curriculum in its graduation rate, the opposition parties charged Thursday.

The province was the last to eliminate Grade 13, after the 2002-03 school year, but the government still incorporates students who take a so-called victory lap in its official grad rate, despite criticism from the auditor general about the practice.

The government announced Thursday that the graduation rate for last year was 82 per cent, but admitted when questioned that only 73 per cent of Ontario students actually completed high school in four years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Falling short

85% goal

The province spent hundreds of millions of dollars to increase the graduation rate, but by any calculation still fell short of their goal of an 85 per cent rate by 2010-11.

Stafford slaying. Investigator chokes up during tesimony at child's murder trial

A huge contingent of police officers worked flat out for up to 20 hours a day over six weeks in hopes of finding eight-year-old Victoria Stafford alive, so it was a crushing blow when a young woman confessed the girl was dead, court heard Thursday.

Tori was supposed to have walked with her brother from school to their mom's new home on April 8, 2009, but a few minutes after the dismissal bell rang, the 10-year-old couldn't find her.

The boy rode around the neighbourhood on a bicycle looking for her, court heard.

By then, Tori was already being driven from her school in Woodstock, Ont., by Michael Rafferty and his girlfriend Terri-Lynne McClintic, then 18, the Crown alleges.

From April 8 until McClintic confessed on May 19, police held out hope Tori was alive somewhere.

"The investigation went from an abduction investigation to a homicide investigation," Det. Const. Sean Kelly testified, his voice trembling with emotion.

"It was quite significant and it had ... a pretty big impact."

Kelly choked up and had difficulty speaking.

Tori Stafford THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

"We did the best that we could," he said.

Kelly was the last witness to testify this week at Rafferty's trial. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

London makes its 'Q' debut

Broadcasting. Q Live show taped Thursday at the Grand Theatre airs Friday morning on CBC Radio

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The way Londoners attracted Q Live to the city is more than a story about hyperactive tweeters.

It's an example of how communities can come together to tackle problems and showcase their best, host Jian Ghomeshi said Thursday.

"There are things that communities need to be, need to do, to stand up for," Ghomeshi said as the show opened. "In our highly connected world, it can sometimes be easier to stay in and obsess over global events than to get outside and get together to address the problems and opportunities in our midst.

"In that spirit ... you've got quite a gift," the CBC host told a sold-out crowd. "Keep on using it."

And with that, Ghomeshi dove into a two-hour show that included a bit of everything, from local beat-boxing sensation Mike Thompkins, a performance by London-born violinist Lara St. John to a debate about media coverage of the Tori Stafford murder trial.

The show also featured Great Lake Swimmers, a Toronto-based band with strong ties to London.

Mayor Joe Fontana — a musician in his own right — also caught some airtime, praising London's talent and arts scene.

Cities like London have a lot to offer, he said, offering to show Ghomeshi a night on the town.

"I don't think you need to be a big city any more to attract the talent," Fontana said. "The midsized cities of Canada — this is where the action is; this is where the quality of life is."

Quotable

"We were genuinely gobsmacked at the excitement and affection for Q out there."
Q Live host Jian Ghomeshi

Houser and Knights weather snow Storm

London Knight goalie Michael Houser makes a stop and prepares for a snow shower during first-period against the Guelph Storm on Thursday at the John Labatt Centre. Houser made 35 saves for his 44th win of the season as the Knights won 4-1. Houser needs just two more wins to tie the OHL record. Jared Knight had a pair of goals for London, while Seth Griffith and Andreas Athanasiou potted singles. MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Arson

Barricaded man facing charges

A London man has been charged after a fire was started in a Paddington Avenue apartment. Police were called to the scene Wednesday morning. When they arrived, the man barricaded himself in the unit and threatened to blow up the building. He was soon arrested. There were no injuries.
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Theft

Police seek tips in cigarette heist

Police are looking for help solving a cigarette theft back on Feb. 19.

Suspects broke into National Groceries (1055 Hargrieve Rd.) and stole a large quantity of cigarettes and 20 two-tier, red metal shopping carts.

Anyone with info can call London police at 519-661-5670 or Crime Stoppers. METRO

Construction

New home starts higher last month

New home starts were up in the London area in February according to figures released Thursday by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. Builders laid foundations for 88 homes, compared to 69 in February 2011. For the first two months of of the year, housing starts totalled 183 units, compared to 312.
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Kony website has raised more than $5M

Controversy. Video creator defends project on Toronto radio show

Jason Russell, director of the viral Kony 2012 video, responded to criticism of his humanitarian group, Invisible Children, on Thursday. He called in to the Roz and Mocha show on KiSS 92.5 FM.

So what's the last 48 hours been like?
Man, we haven't really slept.... The world's waking up to their potential.

When did you post this online? It now stands at 26.6 million views.
We posted this on Monday at noon ... and by that night it had 60,000 views and we were freaking out.

Anytime anyone asked me to put this on Facebook or re-tweet it, I had one question: why?
(People) don't know how to stop child soldiering ... but now things are changing because of technology.... This is about Kony, the world's worst criminal.... It would be an injustice if he actually was captured and nobody knew about it.

You have been criticized for your organization's finances and not having Africans on your board. What can somebody who buys a (sticker) on your website actually do to help?
I mean, putting up the sticker actually does help it because it awakens the consciousness of this world.

(Have any celebrities) responded to you?
Oprah Winfrey ... was the first one to tweet it out ... (and to) support us financially.... And then came more, Taylor Swift, Ryan Seacrest.... Justin Bieber just started tweeting about it.

How much money have you guys made off the website in the last 48 hours?
Over $5 million.

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Viral video

26.6M

The video, which was posted on Monday, stood at 26.6 million views by Thursday morning.

Screengrab from video.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

More demonstrations

2 dead, including gunman, in U.S. hospital shooting

A gunman who opened fire after entering the lobby of a Pittsburgh psychiatric hospital on Thursday was armed with two semiautomatic handguns during a confrontation that left two people, including the gunman, dead and several others wounded, the mayor said.

Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravenstahl said the man exchanged gunfire with police and was shot dead, but not before one other person was killed and seven hurt, apparently by his gunfire. One injured person wasn't hurt by gunfire.

The mayor stopped short of confirming the gunman was fatally shot by a University of Pittsburgh police officer. But he confirmed "police acted admirably and did engage in gunfire." One of the injured was a police officer who Ravenstahl said was grazed by a bullet.

Neighbouring buildings were placed on lockdown for hours, police said.

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Student hurt in eye during Quebec tuition-hike protests

Students demonstrate in Montreal on Thursday, protesting for women's rights and against rising tuition hikes. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A student demonstrator feared losing sight in one eye Thursday, feeding an atmosphere of heightened tensions over Quebec's tuition-fee hikes.

There were more protests one day after 20-year-old protester Francis Grenier suffered a partially detached retina following the explosion of a police stun grenade during a demonstration Wednesday in downtown Montreal.

Some students taunted police by wearing eyepatches in reference to Grenier. There were also chants and a variety of hand gestures, ranging from two-fingered peace signs to one-fingered salutes.

"Police is everywhere, justice is nowhere," some chanted.

A day earlier, seven people were arrested during a pair of Montreal protests — the latest in a string of demonstrations by students who believe Quebec's rock-bottom tuition rates are a basic right.

In the main protest Wednesday, riot police armed with batons and tear gas charged into a group of demonstrators who were blocking access to a public building. Protesters pelted the helmeted officers with snowballs.

The ambulance service initially reported Wednesday that it had treated four people — including a police officer — for only minor injuries. But Jeanne Reynolds, a spokeswoman for one of the student groups, described Grenier's injury as serious.

"We don't know yet whether he will lose his eyesight or not," Reynolds said. "He's in bad shape, so he's resting right now."

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Police response

Montreal police say they've interviewed the injured man, Francis Grenier, and are trying to determine what happened during Wednesday's protest.

- "Certainly, we're going to investigate to see what caused this man's injuries," said department spokesman Raphael Bergeron.
- Bergeron described Grenier's injury as "quite serious."

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Analysis

Concerns divide families

Earlier this year Robert Knoth, a Dutch photographer, travelled to Fukushima to document residents' everyday lives.

"Even outside the exclusion zone, there are lots of empty villages," he says. "There are only a few people there who don't want to leave. Many have lived there for generations."

And the accident caused rifts in local families. "Young people didn't believe the government's claims that it was safe to stay," explains Knoth.

"They wanted to leave, but that caused conflicts because Japanese families act collectively."

Kenta Sato, a young Tweeter who worked for his father's company, quit his job and moved to Fukushima City. Now he lives on his savings, with no job prospects in sight.

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Fishermen work near debris at the port of Minamisanriku nearly a year after the March 11 is from the former town centre. SHIZUO KAMBAYASHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Senior Syrian official abandons 'sinking ship'

Syria's deputy oil minister appeared tense as he looked at the camera and announced in a video that he has defected from President Bashar Assad's regime, acknowledging he expects government forces to "burn my home" and "persecute my family."

Abdo Husameddine, a 58-year-old father of four, on Thursday became the highest-ranking civilian official to join the opposition, and he urged his countrymen to "abandon this sinking ship" as the nation spirals toward civil war.

In the YouTube video, Husameddine seemed to address Assad directly, accusing him of vast crimes in the past year as government forces pummel the opposition with tanks and snipers. The UN estimates 7,500 people have been killed since the uprising began.

"You have inflicted on those you claim are your people a full year of sorrow and sadness, denied them their basic rights to life and humanity and pushed the country to the edge of the abyss," said Husameddine, wearing a dark suit and tie. He appeared to be reading from a script, casting his eyes down to find the words.

"I declare that I am joining the revolution of the dignified people."

A Syrian boy mourns Thursday at the funeral of his father, who was killed by a Syrian Army sniper. RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Resignation

"I do not want to end my life servicing the crimes of this regime."

Abdo Husameddine
Former deputy oil minister

The authenticity of the video could not be verified, and he did not disclose his location. Damascus did not comment on the video.

Assad's regime has suffered a steady stream of low-level army defectors, who have joined a group of dissidents known as the Free Syrian Army, now numbering in the thousands.

Brig. Gen. Mostafa Ahmad al-Sheik, who fled to Turkey in January, was the highest-ranking officer to bolt. In late August, Adnan Bakkour, the attorney general of the central city of Hama, appeared in a video announcing he had defected.

Authorities reported he had been kidnapped and said he was being kept against his will by gunmen. He has not been heard from since.

Civilian officials, like Husameddine, have remained largely loyal — making his announcement noteworthy.

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tsunami hit the northeastern Japanese town. Much of the debris

A year after disaster, Japan still struggles

Fukushima. Somehow, life goes on in the shadow of shattered nuclear reactors

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

One year ago, an earthquake struck the waters off Fukushima, a quiet city in central Japan. The 8.9 tremor caused a tsunami, which hit the city's nuclear power plant. Within minutes, three of the plant's reactors overheated and released clouds of radioactivity.

"I was at home on my farm," recalls Tatsuko Ogawara, an organic farmer who lives 40 kilometres from the reactor. "A geiger counter we bought 26 years ago showed radiation levels 30 times higher than normal. When this happened, I wanted to evacuate to western Japan with my children.

Health concerns

"The radiation levels of our crops are a big problem now."

Tatsuko Ogawara
Organic farmer

However, I respected the decision our children made and decided to remain in our home."

One year later, Ogawara remains at her family farm — but the Fukushima region has changed. The 20-kilometre exclusion zone around the plant is a Chornobyl-like landscape inhabited only by animals.

"And a 13,000-square-kilometre area is still contaminated above the international limit, " says Jan Beranek, a nuclear expert at Greenpeace, who has measured the area's radioactivity.

The effects of the earthquake, tsunami and accident reached Tokyo.

"It will take three decades before the radioactive isotopes are broken down. Until then, the Fukushima region is a ticking time bomb. The contaminated water is especially dangerous, since it could leak and contaminate reservoirs."

For Ogawara, the radioactivity is a constant concern: "We have lost many customers due to radiation fears. And I'm very worried about the health of my children."

The Ogawaras' oldest daughter has already left Fukushima.

In fact, while authorities and TEPCO, the nuclear plant's operator, quickly repaired the broken reactors, surprisingly little attention has been paid to the health of the area's residents.

Says Ogawara: "Decontamination has become a business and there is big money moving around, but this money isn't going into the community, it is going into big business."

Tepco could not be reached for comment.

But Fukushima has changed Japan. The government plans to phase out the country's nuclear reactors.

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Manager misused funds: Watchdog

Scandal. Critics question why bureaucrat who used public money to buy TVs, massages hasn't been prosecuted yet

A federal public servant charged massages as office supplies, put in for bogus expenses, took home flat-screen TVs paid for with office funds and used a government car as a personal vehicle, all while bullying and browbeating underlings.

These are among the findings of a damning report tabled Thursday by Public Sector Integrity Commissioner Mario Dion.

The case involves a western regional manager in Human Resources and Skills Development who is not otherwise identified.

Dion said lax policies allowed the manager to divert government equipment to a personal business, claim phoney expenses and cut sweetheart deals for family and friends, while continuing to terrorize staff.

The manager also ignored rules about confidentiality and disclosed personal information about employees to other members of staff.

As well, the manager used the passwords and access codes of employees who worked in different offices to make financial entries without their knowledge or consent.

"I have determined that the breadth, severity and frequency of the manager's wrongdoing constitute gross mismanagement in the public sector," Dion said in a release.

The mess was uncovered after frightened public servants complained to Dion's office in February 2010.

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Corruption

The manager, who had been in the job for nine years, left the government during Dion's 2010 investigation, although the report doesn't say whether the bureaucrat was fired or quit.

- **The department says** it has tightened its procedures to keep closer track of spending and better monitor its staff. And it has recovered the TVs and other goodies the manager took home.

Alaska bear cub recreates famous Winnie-the-Pooh scene

This photo provided by Michael Keye Schuler shows a bear cub with its head stuck in a container Sunday, March 4, 2012 on top of Deer Mountain in Ketchikan, Alaska. Schuler was hiking when he found the cub on the summit, and was able to set it free.

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Aung San Suu Kyi with John Baird.

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Aung San Suu Kyi's steely resolve

Aung San Suu Kyi used Thursday's visit of Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird to fire another round in her long fight for freedom — she warned of voter fraud threatening Myanmar's coming landmark elections.

With a steely resolve, the celebrated Nobel laureate warned that bogus voters' lists are threatening her country's tough road to democratic freedom. Baird, latest in a long line of international visitors, readily agreed.

The revelation added gravity to Baird's historic visit to Myanmar, also known as Burma, where he personally conferred honorary Canadian citizenship on Suu Kyi.

Emerging from nearly an hour of talks at her lakeside Yangon residence, where she has served 15 of the last 23 years under arrest, Suu Kyi disclosed the new threat to her historic campaign.

"We have just discovered there are many, many irregularities on the voters' lists and we have applied to the election commission to do something about this," Suu Kyi said, standing next to Baird on the back porch of her scenic sanctuary.

"A lot of dead people seem to be prepared to vote on the first of April. We can't have that, can we? And other things like that."

Baird's meeting with Suu Kyi capped a whirlwind day of travel on a visit to one of the world's international pariah states. Though he expressed optimism after meeting Myanmar's reform-minded leaders earlier in the day, the high-flying Canadian minister was clearly grounded after his meeting with one of world's most celebrated champions of freedom.

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Porn star. Teacher's fate to be decided by peers after smut video

Educators must decide the fate of a school teacher placed on paid administrative leave amid claims that she appeared in a pornographic video.

The teacher at Richard B. Haydock Intermediate School in Oxnard, whose name was not released, went on leave Monday. A school site administrator believes she's the one seen in the video, Oxnard School District Superintendent Jeff Chancer said Wednesday.

The teacher's contract does not contain a moral turpitude clause, but Chancer said the California Education Code outlines employment conditions that could lead to her being disciplined or fired.

"We're trying to determine if there's a nexus on what she does on her own time and what she does in the classroom," he said.

Officials said no district students were seen in the video.

On Tuesday, the district sent a letter to parents of students at all three of its junior high schools, asking that their children not search Internet sex sites for the teacher's image.

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Russia. Fans picket cop shop over protest band's arrest in Moscow

Supporters of a female Russian punk band have picketed police headquarters in Moscow to protest the group's jailing for trying to mount an impromptu concert inside the city's main cathedral.

Handfuls of people took turns braving below-freezing temperatures outside the building Thursday.

The group held up signs calling for the band's release.

The band, whose performers wear bright-coloured homemade ski masks, entered Moscow's historic Christ the Savior Cathedral in late February and belted out a protest song against church leaders' support for then-presidential candidate Vladimir Putin.

Putin won the elections in a widely criticized vote Sunday.

Pussy Riot gained notoriety in January for performing a song addressed to Putin from a spot on Red Square.

Videos of the performance became an instant hit online. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Natural gas: $2.27 US (-3¢)
Dow Jones: 12,907.94 (+70.61)

Fiscal forecast

Bank of Canada holds interest rate

As widely expected, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney and his policy-setting team kept the trendsetting overnight interest rate at the highly stimulative rate of one per cent for the 12th consecutive date on Thursday. The central bank's upbeat tone Thursday appeared to cheer the markets. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Media monitor

U.K. press regulator to be replaced

Britain's press regulator, much criticized amid a scandal over tabloid phone hacking, confirmed Thursday that it is to be abolished and replaced with a new body.

Author J.K. Rowling was one of several celebrities to criticize the regulator in testimony to Britain's media ethics inquiry, calling it "toothless." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling.
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Controversial project

U.S. Senate rejects Keystone pipeline

TransCanada's Keystone XL pipeline has been denied a lifeline thrown to it by congressional Republicans after the U.S. Senate narrowly rejected their attempts to force the approval of the project. A total of 56 senators voted Thursday in favour of the measure, four short of the 60 needed for approval. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raitt steps in to halt Air Canada work stoppage

Labour dispute. Minister urges both sides to return to the bargaining table despite intervention

Federal Labour Minister Lisa Raitt stepped in Thursday to prevent a work stoppage at Air Canada that would have thrown the travel plans of thousands of families into chaos at the beginning of a holiday week.

"Our government's concerned that the work stoppages are going to have an effect both on our national economy and of course on the Canadian travelling public," the minister said.

"We all know that it's March break, especially in Quebec, in Ontario and the following week after in British Columbia. And we know this can have an effect on Canadian families, especially since this is a really peak travel season."

Raitt sent the dispute between the airline and two of its unions — the pilots and ground crew — to the Canadian Industrial Relations Board to see how a work stoppage would affect the health and safety of Canadians.

"It is still a valid question to me, especially when it comes to passengers and cargo and that's exactly why we're going to be sending it over to the CIRB," Raitt said Thursday.

While the board reviews the case, the airline cannot lock out its employees and the unions cannot start a strike.

It is the same manoeuvre that Raitt used when it appeared Air Canada's flight attendants would go on strike last year, but the CIRB never made a decision on that matter.

Air Canada confirmed that there would be no disruption of service and its full schedule would remain unchanged.

Canada's largest airline had threatened earlier Thursday to lock its pilots out on Monday after they rejected the airline's latest contract offer, while the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which represents ground crew and mechanics, had set a strike deadline on the same day.

The pilots union and the machinists are the last two unions with which Air Canada needs to reach an agreement.

Air Canada's employees have been trying to win back pay and concessions they gave up to help the airline restructure under bankruptcy protection in 2003 and 2004.

The Air Canada Pilots Association has said it has been flying under an expired 2009 agreement that froze their pay for more than two years and gave the airline hundreds of millions of dollars in relief from its pension funding obligations.

The pilots union has said it will put the airline's latest offer to a vote, but urged its members to reject the proposed agreement.

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An Air Canada pilot walks through the terminal at Stanfield International Airport in Halifax on Thursday. Air Canada is threatening to lock out its pilots after making what it described as its "final and best" contract offer.
ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trade ties. Taiwanese farmers protest American beef imports

Thousands of Taiwanese farmers pelted waste and rotten eggs at a government building Thursday in protest of a plan to allow imports of U.S. beef containing a growth drug, challenging the island's president to "say no" to Washington.

Newly re-elected President Ma Ying-jeou is seeking to strengthen ties with the U.S. by resolving a long-running beef dispute that has stalled trade talks crucial to keeping up the island's competitive edge in global trade.

The protesters gathered outside Taiwan's ornate legislative building and later marched to the Agriculture Council and pelted police with pig excrement and rotten eggs. They broke through a security barrier, but shield-wielding officers prevented them from entering the building.

The cabinet announced this week it plans to lift a ban on U.S. beef containing minimal traces of ractopamine, a feed additive for leaning meat. The government sought to appease opponents by promising to ensure that vendors properly label their meat products. The plan needs legislative approval.

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A Taiwanese policeman is hit with a rotten egg during a demonstration by farmers in Taipei on Thursday. WALLY SANTANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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WOMEN'S DAY, RUSH LIMBAUGH AND AN EXPLETIVE

THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
Metro

It's that time of the week again, when we roll out our list of the most amazing things happening. No use arguing … the decision of the judges is final.

1 **International Women's Day:** You've still got a long way to go, baby. Only 17 per cent of the corporate officers and 13 per cent of the directors in Canada's top 500 companies are women. That's because the men have done such a good job.

2 **The Abyss 2:** James Cameron, director of Avatar, Titanic and The Abyss, announced that he's building a special submarine to descend to the bottom of the sea. The Marianas Trench, to be precise, is the deepest point in the ocean, where the pressure is 1,000 times greater than on the surface. The difference from his last visit to the abyss: This time, if the sub starts to leak, he can't just yell "cut!"

3 **iPad X:** OK, so it doesn't deliver world peace. The Apple iPad released Wednesday does have a better screen, a better battery, better graphics and a better camera, and some people are still disappointed because it's not called iPad 3 or doesn't make toast. Geeks gone wild.

4 **Rush Limbaugh, you ignorant slut:** If the sponsors and affiliates leaping off the bandwagon are any indication, America's foremost bigmouth may have finally gone too far when he called a U.S. law student testifying before Congress a "slut" and a "prostitute," because she thinks it's a good idea for health care to pay for birth control. Sometimes the trouble with free speech is that you get what you pay for.

Rush Limbaugh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

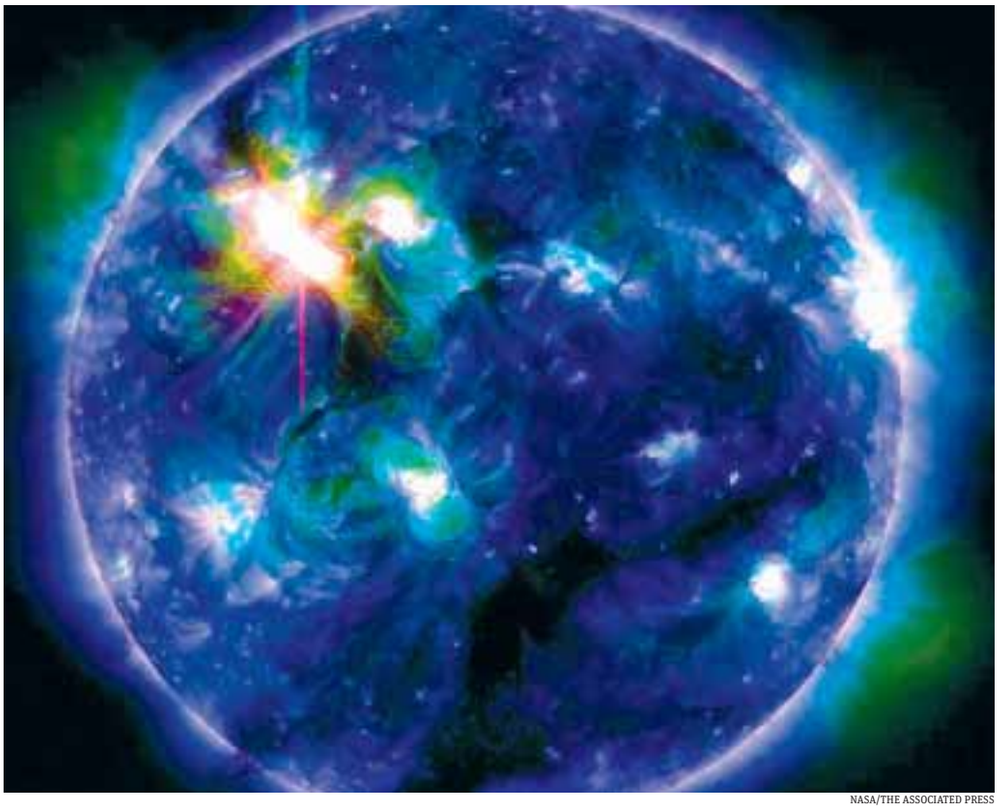
5 **Super Tuesday:** How many Republican presidential candidates does it take to screw in a light bulb? Anybody but Mitt Romney, apparently. Finding a Republican to give Barry Obama a run for his money takes even longer than the NHL playoffs. If we're lucky, Newt Gingrich and Don Cherry will both still be around in June.

Mitt Romney. GETTY IMAGES

6 **Just in time for spring break:** Air Canada's machinist union is either going to strike or the airline will lock them out. Oh, all those spring-break vacations we ruined? Too bad, so sad. Your flight is cancelled. Please call our helpless desk and we'll continue to ignore you as usual as we experience temporary labour difficulties.

7 **Bieber Watch:** Justin Bieber and I both have a birthday in the first week of March. To celebrate, he bought himself a $10-million Hollywood mansion, only slightly used by Ashton Kutcher. I bought myself a latte. It went down smooth. Even though he's now a man, he still has the voice of a boy. I wonder if that's why he called his signature fragrance "Someday."

Solar storm could flex its muscles yet



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Lucky planet

Storm gets off to benign start

One of the strongest solar storms in years engulfed Earth early Thursday, but scientists say the planet may have lucked out.

Hours after the storm arrived, officials said there were no reports of problems with power grids, satellites or other technologies that are often disrupted by solar storms. But that could still change. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Disruptions

- The storm is part of the sun's normal 11-year cycle, which is supposed to reach a peak next year. Solar storms don't harm people, but they do disrupt technology. During the last peak around 2002, experts learned that GPS was vulnerable to solar outbursts.
- Because new technology has flourished since then, scientists could discover some new systems are also at risk, said the director of the Center for Integrated Space Weather Modeling at Boston University.

Auroras

Earth dealt a good solar storm, this year

The storm could shake the planet's magnetic field in ways that could disrupt technology but also spread colourful Northern Lights.

Forecasters can predict the speed a solar storm travels and its strength, but the north-south orientation is the wild card. And this time, Earth got dealt a good card with a northern orientation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scientist says

"It could flip-flop and we could end up with the strength of the storm still to come."

Joe Kunches
Scientist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Weather Prediction Center

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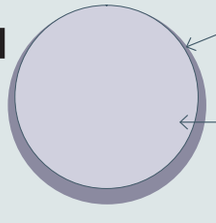

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Not even Eddie Murphy's charisma can save this lead-footed film. HANDOUT

This silence isn't golden

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

A Thousand Words.

Eddie Murphy's spiritual comedy needs some divine intervention

Richard: Mark, A Thousand Words is billed as a comedy but I see it as something else entirely. I see it as a tragedy — a tragic waste of Eddie Murphy's talent.

He's in virtually every scene but his wide-eyed mugging for the camera — there hasn't been this mugging on screen since the first Death Wish movie (only movie geeks will get that joke) — isn't funny, it's just annoying.

What did you think?

Mark: The movie isn't funny, period.

It has a lead foot and a tin ear. It felt like a middle period Jim Carrey movie like Liar, Liar or Yes Man, in which the main character has a supernaturally imposed rule that the comic has to follow that leads to some kind of enlightenment or personal growth.

Murphy's imposed silence in the movie robs him of his greatest gift — the gift of gab. So all he can do is pop his eyeballs and mime his lines. But, Richard, if the movie is this bad, why did it hold my interest?

RC: It didn't hold mine, but I would guess that you were responding to Murphy's charisma.

Even in terrible movies it's hard to take your eyes off him.

Although I have to say that I found this such an unpleasant movie-going experience that the loud fire alarm that rang intermittently in the theatre during the film was a welcome relief to what was happening on screen.

At least the fire alarm had some element of urgency to it, unlike the film, which seemed to think that allowing Murphy to pull faces at the camera for 90 minutes was enough to flesh out the story.

MB: Maybe it was just relief that he didn't wear the fat suit, or the glossy art direction, or the satirical pokes at pop spirituality.

It has one good scene, where he "speaks" by using the prerecorded voice in various kids' toys.

But the abrupt turn of mood in the last third of the movie, changing from tepid comedy to outright mawkish sentimentalism made me squirm — big time.

Sorry, but I don't need a lesson in family values from a guy whose track record on Hollywood Boulevard speaks for itself.

RC: Ha!

Synopsis

Teaming up with Norbet director Brian Robins again, Eddie Murphy plays Jack McCall, a fast talking literary agent who double-crosses new age guru Dr. Sinja (Cliff Curtis) on a book deal. Soon after, a magical Bodhi tree erupts through the ground in Jack's backyard. The tree will shed one leaf for every word McCall says, and after one thousand leaves have fallen, the true nature of the tree's curse will be revealed.

- Richard
- Mark

I can sum up my thoughts on A Thousand Words in far less than a thousand words: "Don't go. Save your money." You?

MB: Bad.

Quoted

"What we did was we shot the end of the film first, when everything was messed up and destroyed and mucky...

"Then we shot some interiors and we went to a couple of other locations while this poor production team, who were on their knees by the end of it — after rebuilding a set three times that had been previously flooded — they built it in two days and we were able to shoot the rest of the film. It was nuts."

Emily Blunt, actress
Blunt on shooting Salmon Fishing in the Yemen during a relentless deluge in the highlands of Morocco's Atlas mountains washed out the set three times.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

2 SCENE

Scene in brief

Suing Seagal

Actor Steven Seagal and the Maricopa County sheriff's office are being sued over a 2011 arrest that a Phoenix-area man says was staged for a reality TV show. Jesus Llovera says Seagal and deputies unlawfully raided his home because they thought Llovera was raising fighting roosters. Llovera says the birds on his property were for show and not for fighting.

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On the Web

After Artist, French film's set for a new golden age, Harvey Weinstein says

Satisfying fans of The Hunger Games

Action. Screenwriter Simon Beaufoy feels pressure of adapting bestselling series of books into what could be a movie franchise

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

While the release of The Hunger Games is still more than two weeks away, Academy Award-winning screenwriter Simon Beaufoy is already hard at work on the followup. In fact, he tells Metro, he's just turned in the first draft of his adaptation of Catching Fire to novelist and series creator Suzanne Collins. That's got to make a guy a little nervous.

"I think she's reading it possibly right now, the first draft. Could well be today," he says of Collins, whose own background has been helpful in the scripting process.

"Because Suzanne has been a film writer and a TV writer, funnily enough she's already done a lot of adapting for me. They'll cut my wage if you say that."

Beaufoy is no stranger to adaptation, with the Oscar-winning Slumdog Millionaire, 127 Hours and the upcoming Salmon Fishing in the Yemen among his credits.

But taking on an installment of the hugely successful Hunger Games series was still daunting.

"With this one, I had to be a lot more faithful also because there's a fan base who are more than usually keen that you get it absolutely right," he says.

"The Hunger Games' fan base are passionate beyond anything I've ever come across, and I would fear for my life [if I get it wrong]. If I do too free an adaptation of that, I shall get firebombed. So I'm being very careful of that."

Of course, not everything from a book can make it into a movie, so not every bit of Catching Fire will make it to the screen, which Beaufoy freely admits.

But he's cagey when it comes to details. "[Collins] just knows her audience brilliantly, and she'll say 'That bit you just can't cut out because they'll all go crazy.' And other bits she'll go, 'This is fine that you've changed this," Beaufoy explains.

"But she really knows her readers. And because she's been in the film world, she understands about adapting, that things have to go and things have to change."

The Hunger Games opens on March 23. HANDOUT

Bully slapped with 'R' rating

Documentary. Filmmaker upset that movie may not be accessible to the crowd it aims to educate; petition sent to MPAA

Katy Butler, a victim of bullying delivers petition signatures to the MPAA's office. JONATHAN ALCORN REUTERS

Lee Hirsch had a violent, nightmare middle school experience. Every day multiple students would punch him to the point where his arms were no longer black and blue—they were just plain yellow.

"I had a really hard time communicating the urgency (for help)," he says, looking back on the experience. "It was very difficult and painful. I couldn't find an adult or my parents who were willing to help me make it stop."

He's grown up, but Hirsch, a successful Sundance and Emmy-award winning director, is revisiting those painful days.

In his new documentary Bully follows the stories of five children and their families, showing how bullying has affected their lives. But, even though it was intended to be an educational tool, Bully is garnering controversy. After being submitted to the MPAA, the governing body that issues American Film Ratings, the board decided to slap the film with an R-rating because the obscene language was used multiple times. This means anyone under 17, the vast majority of the people who Hirsch hopes to affect with this film, will need an adult to come with them to see the film.

"I was devastated," Hirsch said. "This is a film that has been vetted by multiple educational organizations…. This film was not designed to be an R-Rated movie, and to have it rated R is clearly an obstacle."

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Horror

Silent House

Directors. Chris Kentis, Laura Lau

Stars. Elizabeth Olsen, Adam Trese, Eric Sheffer Stevens

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It's an interesting idea, you have to give it that. Based on the Uruguayan film La Casa Muda, Silent House follows a moody young woman (Elizabeth Olsen) as she's terrorized in a country house. And when I say "follows," I mean it literally: Silent House is presented in real time, as one continuous take, which can be interesting except for those moments when Olsen has to wait while the cameraman gets out of her way on the stairs. **NED EHRBAR**

Action

John Carter

Director. Andrew Stanton

Stars. Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Willem Dafoe, Samantha Morton

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Based on the novels by Edgar Rice Burroughs, the film follows Carter (Canada's own Taylor Kitsch), a former American Civil War captain who now spends his days searching for gold. But when Carter happens upon a special medallion that transports him to Barsoom (Mars), Carter is forced to fight again. There are some impressive graphics, but the film lacks a coherent storyline. **REGAN REID**

Horror

Pina

Director. Wim Wenders

Stars. Pina Bausch, Regina Advento, Mailu Airaudo

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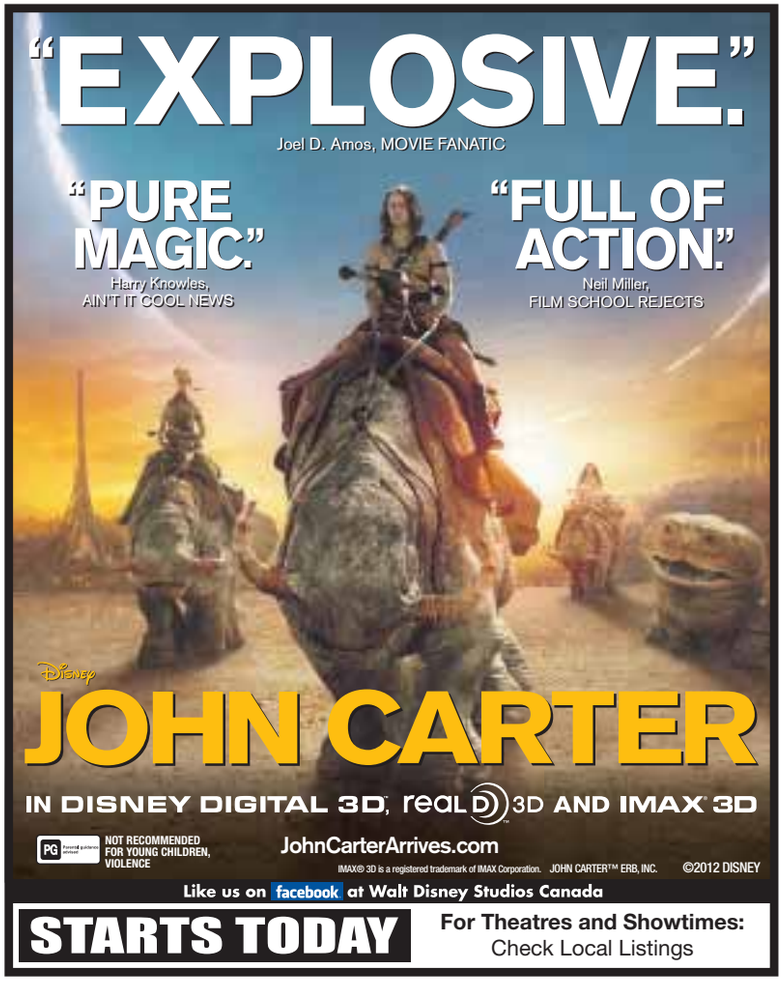
Pina is a rare film that actually benefits from the 3D format.

Director Wim Wenders examination of German choreographer Pina Bausch, who died during pre-production, is a character study masquerading as a ballet.

Mixing archival footage with beautiful scenes of her Tanztheater Wuppertal ensemble performing her creations (both onstage and in the outdoors), Wenders uses dance to capture his subject's spirit. **IAN GORMELY**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No more Mr. Nice Guy

Comedy. Affable Jason Segel, star of Jeff, Who Lives at Home, dishes on the things he dislikes — and cats are on his hit list

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Jason Segel has cemented his reputation as Hollywood's reigning Nice Guy, and with his latest film, Jeff, Who Lives at Home, he takes that image even further, playing an unyieldingly optimistic loser living in his mother's basement who sees the good in everyone.

But there has to be something that makes Segel angry. As it turns out, he's not such a big fan of cats.

Your character in this is remarkably positive and open to life.

Yeah, he's a special guy. He's a watcher, and he's taking things in. He really does have an undaunted confidence that there is a purpose to his life, and that's a pretty courageous thing to believe. I think ultimately he doesn't know how to make sense of a terrible tragedy — his father died when he was young, and he just believes that there must be some reason for that.

In less careful hands, these could be pretty laughable, demeaned characters.

I think the goal was to have the tone of life. We weren't trying for broad comedy, we weren't trying for dark comedy, we were just trying for honesty. And the Duplass Brothers demand honesty, and that's what made me want to work with them. They roll the camera and they point it at you, and they don't say much. They'll let it roll for 40 minutes, and what sort of clicks in your mind is, "Well, I guess I'm supposed to do acting right now. They're not going to say cut. I claim to be an actor, I better do it."

We've never really seen you get pissed off about anything, but there must be something that pisses you off.

Yeah. When someone's rude to service staff, I get furious. That could just as easily be you. Who the f— are you to tell a waiter to hurry up? I hate it. That's my big one.

If you didn't have an answer, I was going to ask you to say awful things about kittens.

Anyone who would say, "I don't have anything [that I hate]" is a liar. I am not a big fan of cats. I'm going to be controversial. I think they're entitled little bastards. You come home and a dog greets you at the door and is so happy to see you. A cat is just laying on your bed, has just done nothing all day, like, "Oh, hello..."

You have nearly 1 million Twitter followers. How do you wrap your mind around that?

I never say anything political or controversial. I tweet about food or me in a funny outfit. I think it's remarkable you say something like, "Sandwiches are better than burritos" and hundreds of thousands of people have an opinion; like they're ready to fight for it. "You don't like burritos? F— you!" I think it's hilarious.

Jeff, Who Lives at Home opens next Friday. HANDOUT

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Becoming Sarah Palin

TV movie. To step into the hockey jersey of the 2008 vice presidential candidate in the HBO film Game Change, actress Julianne Moore's homework included voice lessons and watching reality TV

AMBER RAY
Metro World News in New York

Game Change, the best-selling account of the 2008 presidential election by Mark Halperin and John Heilemann, only dedicates a portion of its chapters to John McCain's selection of Sarah Palin as his running mate.

But that polarizing moment is the focus of the HBO film Game Change, which stars Ed Harris as McCain, Woody Harrelson as his campaign strategist Steve Schmidt, and Julianne Moore as their "star" — the then-relatively unknown but charismatic Palin.

Moore captures the likeness of the former Alaska governor with uncanny precision — without devolving into a Saturday Night Live parody.

"It's a daunting task to play somebody who is not only a living figure, but a hugely well-known one," Moore says. "So, for me, the most important thing was accuracy."

The actress put a "tremendous amount of research" into understanding America's most famous hockey mom, including, she says, reading "everything I could get my hands on."

At the top of her list was Palin's memoir, Going Rogue: An American Life, as well as Blind Allegiance to Sarah Palin: A Memoir of Our Tumultuous Years by Palin aide Frank Bailey, and, of course, Game Change.

Moore also watched hours of footage of Palin on the campaign trail, and even had video on hand while filming scenes to nail the candidate's physicality.

"We would sometimes have the computer there when I was doing the debates to watch things very precisely, like beat by beat, to get the gesture just right," Moore explains.

But the first thing the actress did was hire a vocal coach.

"(Palin) has an incredibly idiosyncratic way of speaking," Moore says, "and I really felt I needed to capture that. We are all very familiar with her and with those sort of iconic moments. I mean, it was just four years ago."

Momma bear moment

"I chased down an ice skating coach once because they messed up the music to my daughter's program."

Julianne Moore on her own Sarah Palin-like "momma bear" moment

'Moments of real brilliance'

The unveiling of Sarah Palin as John McCain's running mate in the 2008 presidential election certainly was a "game changer."

• "I think the whole country took a collective gasp, like, 'Who is she? Where is she from?'" Moore muses.

• "She was so incredibly charismatic, so unbelievably able to communicate, and a true populist. And in a country where most of our leaders have been Ivy League educated white men, suddenly here was this working class mother who just popped out and seemed to be able to command the world."

• In studying Palin, Moore says she developed "profound respect for the historical nature of her candidacy." But upon further inspection, Palin didn't have "the experience necessary to be able to lead our country as vice president or potentially president of the United States," Moore says.

• "So that's what we were attempting to dramatize [in the film] — her moments of real brilliance, of populism, of charisma, and her lack of experience."

Game Change, starring Ed Harris and Julianne Moore, premieres Saturday at 9 p.m. ET on HBO. PHILLIP V. CARUSO

Studying Palin

"One of the things that I watched was her reality show, Sarah Palin's Alaska, to kind of familiarize myself with the family and with her family dynamic. And, you know, that was, frankly, adorable. I mean, she's really a very caring, very involved parent."

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Chris Perez wrote the new book, To Selena, With Love. MICHAEL ZAMORA/CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'I wrote the book with respect'

Reading. Widower of Selena shares memories of their life together in new book, To Selena, With Love

The new book To Selena, With Love reveals intimate details about the late Tejano star's life, but the book's author — her widower, Chris Perez — doesn't consider it a "tell-all" kind of book.

"I thought it should be honest, with dignity. I knew there would be things that would make me feel uncomfortable, but I think I wrote the book with respect," Perez, 42, said in a recent interview.

Perez says the book, released Tuesday, allows him to share his memories of Selena Quintanilla, who was shot and killed on March 31, 1995, two weeks shy of her 24th birthday.

The Mexican-American singer was a sensation in the Tejano world with hits such as Como la flor, Bidi Bidi Bom Bom and El chico del apartamento 512. She was on the verge of crossing over when she was killed by Yolanda Saldivar, the president of her fan club.

Perez met Selena when he became the lead guitarist for Selena y Los Dinos. It was a band formed by Selena's father, Abraham Quintanilla Jr., and also featured her siblings Suzette and A.B. Quintanilla.

Perez confesses that he feels remorse for not protecting his wife. He wonders if things would have been different had he told someone that Selena told him days before her death that Saldivar had shown her a gun. Perez also addresses rumours, including one that Selena was pregnant at the time of her death (she wasn't).

The first part of the book talks about their secret love.

Their romance started behind her father's back, as depicted in the 1997 movie starring Jennifer Lopez, Selena.

Selena's father was opposed to their relationship and accused Perez of being with his daughter only for her money.

Selena's father only accepted Perez after the couple eloped in 1992. Perez describes his father-in-law as an admirable person whom he still loves and respects.

"We had our differences but I love him and respect him like my own father. As a matter of fact, I just went to his studio the other day and I took my kids to see him. We're still a family," he said.

After Selena's death, the guitarist, who lives in San Antonio, struggled to cope with his loss but eventually moved on.

He formed The Chris Perez Band, which won a Grammy in 1999. He also married Venessa Villanueva in 2001 and the couple had two kids, but they divorced a few years later.

"As Selena always told the children she spoke to around the country, 'Nothing is impossible if you work hard.' That includes picking up the pieces of your life," Perez said.

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What Apple should do now

SOUND CHECK
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Dear Tim Cook:

As the guy entrusted with guiding Apple after Steve's ascent to an insanely greater plane of existence, I sympathize with the burden on your shoulders. What can you do to keep Apple on this upward trajectory? If I may make a suggestion, I have an idea about music in my car.

Having looked virtually at all the new in-dash infotainment systems, I've come to the conclusion that none of them are as good as they should be. Yes, things have improved over the last couple of years, but there's still a lot of work to be done.

Every time I plug my iPhone into my car, I'm frustrated that the display in my dash doesn't look or operate anything like the display on my phone. I can browse for songs and playlists but there's nothing in the interface that allows me to find audio books or podcasts.

Cross says:

Things have improved over the last couple of years, but there's still a lot of work to be done. Every time I plug my iPhone into my car, I'm frustrated that the display in my dash doesn't look or operate anything like the display on my phone.

There's voice control, but compared to what Siri can do, it sucks. There's nothing that reads incoming texts to me. Nothing in my iPhone interfaces with the brains of the car, either, Tim. The trip computer doesn't talk to the phone and the two GPS systems might as well be operating on different planets. In other words, just like the old days of the personal computer. Remember the mess in the '80s? DOS. Windows. Mac. BeOS. Commodore. Amiga. It was an OS nightmare with each system requiring its own learning curve. It wasn't until we settled down into a standardized world — mostly Windows, of course — that the masses began to get comfortable with computers.

This is the chaos we see in cars today. Ford's SYNC, Kia's UVO and Entune from Toyota are all based on a Microsoft platform called Windows CE-based Windows Automotive Embedded System 7 — but all look and work differently. Others are working with QNX, a company owned by Research In Motion. None look likes the other.

What we need, Tim, is a good ol' Window vs. Mac battle in the car. Better user interfaces. Standard communications protocols. More than 20 per cent of smartphone users already plug their devices into their dashboards and that rate of adoption is skyrocketing. Talk about a market waiting to be exploited!

But what's this about you starting to hire automotive engineers? That's the rumour, anyway. Could it be you've already thought this through?

Your friend, Alan

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How disturbed should I be that my 3 year old uses the word "assassin" in casual conversation?

Ever wanted to see Hulk Hogan naked? Well, now, maybe you can.

The latest celebrity to have to deal with the leak of a purported personal sex tape? Hulk Hogan.

A video allegedly featuring the wrestling veteran and an unidentified woman — though not his ex-wife or his current wife — is reportedly being shopped around to adult film outlets, according to TMZ.

A lawyer for Hogan (whose real name is Terry Bollea) says his client is mortified.

"Terry Bollea is appalled at the unauthorized release of a secretly filmed video," attorney David Houstan says.

"He neither approved of the filming nor the release of the same. It is clearly an outrageous invasion of privacy and breach of trust if it is genuine. We will take all necessary steps to enforce both civil and criminal liability." **METRO**

Hulk Hogan

Just say no to Bullock and Ratner

Sandra Bullock and director Brett Ratner want to make it clear that they are not hooking up, no matter what the tabloids say.

In Touch reported that the pair had been seeing each other for weeks before offering up some public displays of affection at an Oscars party. But Bullock and Ratner beg to differ: "We think that it's incredibly sad that in these times, this magazine would resort to complete fabrication, solely for financial gain," the two say in a joint statement. "There is not a shred of accuracy in their story. We have not seen nor spoken to each for over a decade. We both had a great time after the Oscars, just not with each other." **METRO**

Sienna admits she's expecting

Sienna Miller has confirmed to Vogue UK that she's with child.

"I'm in my second trimester, so I'm I-can-talk-about-it pregnant, even though I'm under strict instructions not to say anything," the actress says. "I'm feeling fine. It's all progressing very nicely and it's very exciting." So why stay mum? Miller — who has been campaigning for privacy rights after being stalked by paparazzi and getting caught up in the News of the World phone-hacking scandal — says she doesn't want to contradict herself. "[Speaking about my pregnancy] would completely defeat the point of everything I've tried to achieve in the last eight years," she explains. **METRO**

Sienna Miller

Sandra Bullock

Amanda and Josh secretly dating: Us Weekly

Despite claims last month that she's happily single, Amanda Seyfried has reportedly been dating Josh Hartnett since January, according to Us Weekly.

The pair were set up by a mutual friend, sources say, and for now the relationship has been fairly casual.

"Josh likes to keep things low-key, so they've just been hanging out," a source says. **METRO**

Jessica Simpson almost went on a bender while she was first preggo

Jessica Simpson says she found out she was pregnant thanks to some intuition right before a planned day of binge-drinking.

"We were going to have an all-day drinking binge," Simpson tells Elle magazine. "Going to ride our bikes, hang out, do naughty things. But I started feeling this overwhelming guilt. Why would I feel guilt at the idea of going out and having cocktails with my friends?"

Somehow she knew to take a pregnancy test, which obviously put the drinking marathon on hold.

"I'm a free-spirited girl, but giving up my scotch? My Macallan 18? That was hard for me," Simpson says of being pregnant. **METRO**

Jessica Simpson

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Does Will have a special friend?

Star magazine flames the fire on Will Smith sexuality rumours

THE WORD
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Star magazine is throwing their tabloid hands in the air and are just going for it. This week's cover story isn't shocking for what they're writing about, but rather what they're implying.

In a screaming headline that proclaims Will & Jada's Divorce Secret: The Man Who Came Between Them! the magazine goes on to say that Duane Martin, Tisha Campbell-Martin's husband, and Will Smith are just way too close, going on vacations to Miami, Trinidad and Las Vegas together.

A "source" practically outs Smith:"Jada can't stand Will's relationship with Duane. She feels like Will flaunts it in her face, hanging out with him every day and taking him on exotic vacations while she's sitting home alone. Will and Jada's marriage is completely fractured, and it's only getting worse as Will spends more time away with Duane. I don't know how much longer they can live this way. It's only a matter of time until one of them makes the split official and files for divorce."

Of course, there have been whispers about both Will and Jada's sexuality for years, but no magazine has so blatantly gone there.

Unless, of course, I'm just totally reading into this and it's super hetero to go on a myriad of exotic vacations with just your best friend and not your wife?

Will Smith. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Ashley Olsen says she's done with acting

While her younger sister, Elizabeth Olsen, is making a name for herself as an actress, former child star Ashley Olsen says she's done with on-camera work.

"[Mary-Kate and I] worked non-stop until we were 18. Then we decided to take a break and go to school — and that was when we decided to question whether we would carry on in entertainment," Ashley tells Elle UK.

"It was time to step behind the process. I wanted to work on other things. It doesn't mean I'm not interested in Hollywood, I like the way it operates and the people who are involved and the sense of possibility. But if I ever do get back in, it's not going to be as an actress."

There's no word if twin sister Mary-Kate feels the same way. **METRO**

Ashley Olsen

These aren't your mom's ham & cheese sandwiches

Guinness Marinated Flank Steak Sandwiches with Grilled Onions and Boursin Cheese

Serve this dish as a meal with boiled potatoes and cabbage. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guinness Marinated Flank Steak Sandwiches. This creation uses grilled onions and creamy Boursin cheese

The depth of flavour from the Guinness marinade in this recipe is enhanced by a touch of rich herb and garlic cheese that melts on the hot steak and onions.

Freeze the cheese to make it easier to shave just enough on the top of the grilled steak and onions. This prevents too much cheese from being layered on.

Onions are easier to grill without falling apart if you skewer them before cooking. Cut an onion into 1-cm (1/two-inch) thick slices. Thread the centre of each onion with a bamboo skewer that has been soaked in water. Place the onion skewers on the cooking grates and turn once halfway through cooking.

1 Use paper towels to pat steak dry, then set it in a glass or stainless-steel container with a tight cover. Pour Guinness over steak. Set onion slices on top of steak, then cover container and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours.

2 Heat a gas or charcoal grill to medium. Set cheese in freezer. Remove meat and onions from marinade and pat dry. Brush everything with a thin coat of olive oil, then season with salt and pepper. Place steak and onions on cooking grate over direct heat and sear for 6 to 8 minutes. Turn steak and onions and sear on second side for another 6 to 8 minutes. (Alternatively, you also can sear steak and onions on a stovetop grill or grill pan for several minutes per side, then finish cooking in a 180 C/350 F oven set on a rack over a sheet pan.)

3 Transfer steak and onions to a platter. Remove cheese from freezer and use a vegetable peeler or paring knife to shave Boursin on top of steak and onions. Cover with foil and set aside. Brush each slice of bread with oil, then grill them until lightly toasted, 1 to 2 minutes. Thinly slice steak, then assemble sandwiches with bread, steak and onions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ELIZABETH KARMEL, A GRILLING AND SOUTHERN FOODS EXPERT AND EXECUTIVE CHEF AT HILL COUNTRY BARBECUE MARKET RESTAURANTS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS HILL COUNTRY CHICKEN IN NEW YORK. SHE IS THE AUTHOR OF THREE COOKBOOKS, INCLUDING SOAKED, SLATHERED AND SEASONED.**

Ingredients

4 portions
Start to finish: 30 minutes active (plus 1-2 hour marinating)

- 1-kg (2-lb) flank steak or London broil, at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) thick
- 1 can (441 ml/14.9 oz) Guinness beer
- 2 large red onions, cut into 1-cm (1/2-inch) thick slices
- 1 small container Boursin cheese
- Olive oil
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 8 thick slices country bread

Liquid Assets

1 tequila, 2 tequila, 3 tequila, floor

LIQUID ASSETS
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When I was in university my party favour of choice was tequila. Nobody drank it seriously back then so I would channel my inner Charlie Sheen by bumming a beer and throwing back a few shots in-between sips of brew.

It sure impressed the ladies. At least I think it did. I can't seem to remember. Either way, I still have an affinity for Mexico's native spirit though today I'm more into how it mixes in cocktails.

I love the margarita because it's so easy make (all you need is tequila, Triple Sec orange liqueur and some lime juice) and it's one cocktail that really allows the booze elements to show through the mix.

A tequila purist would insist on the use of a white style as they typically do south of the boarder. I still prefer a gold tequila's richer flavour in my margs.

Tequila Cazadores Reposado ($34.95 - $39.99) is made with 100 per cent Blue Agave (the plant from which all true tequila is born) and is aged in new barrels (rather than the usual used bourbon casks). This all helps to enhance the spirit's citrusy aroma and up-front vegetal/ spice expression. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Pancetta meets hummus & tomatoes

One of the most widely available yet overlooked types of bacon is pancetta. A close relative of American bacon, it is the Italian version.

Typically made from the belly, the curing process is the same but the meat is not usually smoked. During curing, it is often seasoned with black pepper, cloves, nutmeg, cinnamon and herbs. Slabs of pancetta are usually rolled into a log when sold at the deli.

Here, salty pancetta combined with creamy hummus makes for a twist for an appetizer to serve up with drinks.

Look for an aged balsamic vinegar to help bring out the sweetness of the tomatoes.

1 In skillet over medium-high heat, cook pancetta 5 mins. or until crispy and browned. Remove skillet from heat and add hummus, mixing well.

2 Thickly slather a quarter of the hummus-pancetta mixture over each slice of bread. Top each with 1 or 2 slices of tomato and a quarter of the red onion.

3 Drizzle each sandwich with balsamic vinegar, then season with pepper. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS, PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT HER SITE EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

Pancetta, Hummus with Balsamic-Drenched Tomato Sandwich

Creamy hummus and crispy pancetta MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Ingredients

4 portions
Total cooking time: 15 minutes

- 125 g (4 oz) pancetta, finely cubed
- 500 ml (16 oz) prepared hummus
- 4 large, thick slices sour -dough bread, toasted
- 2 large ripe tomatoes, cut into thick slices
- 1 small red onion, finely diced
- Aged balsamic vinegar
- Ground black pepper

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You can take action to reduce your sodium intake by doing the following:

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- **Choose breads, crackers, baked goods, snack foods, canned sauces, soups and dressings with a low sodium count per serving.**

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On the Web

Seattle plans 'food forest' park where people will be able to pick fruits, nuts

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"I'm going to do whatever it takes and I'm going to keep continuing to prove people wrong my whole career."

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Kevin Love, on those who doubted he could make it in the NBA. Love is averaging 25.5 points and 13.7 rebounds this season and leads the NBA in minutes played.

Howard scores another win

Ontario's Glenn Howard keeps winning at the Canadian men's curling championship.
A playoff berth already secured, Howard defeated Nova Scotia's Jamie Murphy 8-3 Thursday morning at the Tim Hortons Brier.

JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Can Fish hook Manning?

Dolphins. Marino ready to offer up sales pitch on why QB should play in Miami

If Peyton Manning wants to talk about playing quarterback for the Miami Dolphins, Dan Marino would be thrilled to take his call.

And just in case, Marino has his sales pitch ready.

"There's great tradition there. We've had a couple off years but believe me, they'll be back," said Marino, the Hall of Famer who threw for 420 touchdowns and more than 61,000 yards in his Dolphins career. "It's a great franchise and they'll get it turned around."

Manning would almost certainly help in that quest, which largely started when Marino retired more than a decade ago.

From the moment the four-time MVP parted with the Indianapolis Colts on Wednesday, buzz about Manning has been growing in Miami — much of it fueled by the quarterback's arrival in South Florida shortly after becoming an NFL free agent for the first time. Manning insists he doesn't know what his next move will be, and Marino believes him.

"I think he fits with anybody," Marino said Thursday at a charity golf tournament. "He's one of the best to ever play the game at that position. So wherever he ends up playing, if he's healthy, which is going to be important to Peyton, I'm sure he wants to go out there and play at a high level. Wherever he plays, he'll be a huge impact for that team."

The Dolphins are believed to be one of the teams interested in adding Manning; Miami plays a game at Indianapolis next season. Washington, Arizona, Seattle, Denver and Kansas City also are likely to talk to him, along with the Jets — the team that shares a stadium with the Giants and Manning's two-time, Super Bowl-winning brother Eli. ESPN reported Thursday that Manning will make a decision within the next week and wants to stay in the AFC.

Quoted

"I probably wouldn't (call Manning) unless he asks for some advice."

Dan Marino
Halll of Fame QB who played his entire NFL career in Miami.

"I know he likes the weather here in Miami, but I have no idea where he's going to go," said wide receiver Pierre Garcon, who caught 10 touchdown passes from Manning in 2009 and 2010. "I could not tell you anything."

Added Reggie Wayne, who has been working out with Manning: "I don't know. Ask Peyton."

Manning's arrival in Miami doesn't necessarily mean the Dolphins are front-runners to get him. He owns a condo in Miami Beach, where television crews were staked out Thursday.

"He does like his privacy — and he's not going to have much of it until everyone finds out where he's going to go," Garcon said.

Why keep playing?

"He's a competitor. He loves the game. He loves winning," Garcon said. "You can never have enough Super Bowl rings. He wants to win and he wants to keep playing.... When you walk in a stadium with Peyton, you have at least a fighting chance to win a game."

After the Colts decided not to pick up Manning's $28 million bonus, team owner Jim Irsay ended months of speculation by releasing the 14-year veteran and longtime face of the franchise. Indianapolis likely will find Manning's replacement in April's draft, presumably Stanford's Andrew Luck. The Colts have the first overall pick.

Manning missed the entire 2011 season because of a damaged nerve that caused weakness in his right arm. He had the most recent of his multiple neck surgeries on Sept. 8.

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Spring training: Jays' batters come alive

Toronto Blue Jays Jose Bautista collides with New York Yankees pitcher David Phelps as he scores on a passed ball during a spring training game in Dunedin, Fla. on Thursday. J.P. Arencibia and Travis Snider homered and Brett Cecil gave up one hit over two scoreless innings as the Jays won 6-1. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MMA fighter hopes to stand out for skills, not gay porn past

The Ultimate Fighter Live. Dakota Cochrane will battle to be one of 16 members to live in the TUF house when reality TV show airs on FX Canada

'Not something I'd do again.'

"There's no way in hell I would redo it cause I know the repercussions that would come with it."

Dakota Cochrane, cast in 'The Ultimate Fighter Live,' on his brief stint acting in gay porn

Dakota Cochrane's controversial past is no secret in the MMA world.

Now the question becomes how his brief stint in gay porn will play out when the new season of The Ultimate Fighter Live debuts Friday night.

Dealing with his past is nothing new for Cochrane, so he's ready for anything, he says.

"Of course it bothers me," he said this week on the set of the reality TV show, which airs on FX Canada. "But I can't do much about it. I've kind of dealt with it since college, since the first time it came out.

The 25-year-old Cochrane — who is not gay and has a one-year-old son with fiancée Lacey — says he earned nearly $80,000 from taping a series of gay videos while a college student at the University of Nebraska-Kearney, where he was a standout track athlete.

"I'm not going to try to hide it," he said. "If you type in on Google, it comes up pretty easy. It's just something I'm going to overcome."

While there has been plenty of buzz about his past, especially on MMA message boards, Cochrane is determined to stand out for his fighting abilities on the first season of the revamped show.

While Cochrane, who sports an 11-2 record, including an impressive victory over former WEC champion Jamie Varner, has been commended for being up front about his past, the issue will likely be a hot topic if the Nebraska native wins his first bout to become one of the 16 members to live in the TUF house.

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McIlroy's rise sparks discussion of a rivalry with Woods

Rory McIlroy and Tiger Woods already have been linked twice this year.

There was that practice round together in Abu Dhabi, and being in the same group for the opening two rounds. Then, they shared the stage at PGA National, where McIlroy played the lead role at the Honda Classic by answering a late charge from Woods to win the tournament and go to No. 1 in the world.

Look back to the summer of 2010, when McIlroy said he would "love to face" Woods in the Ryder Cup. That comment was made as Woods was at the low point in his game, and the 22-year-old from Northern Ireland did add, "Unless his game improves."

Is it too early for a rivalry?

Hunter Mahan believes it is, only because he thinks Woods' biggest rival is retired.

"His rival is Jack Nicklaus," Mahan said. "It's hard to put anyone up there right now with him. I understand his last few years haven't been his best and everything that's going on, but that guy, he's had numbers that no one has even thought about reaching."

There's some truth to that.

McIlroy reached No. 1 in the world after 115 tournaments that count toward the ranking. Woods played 21 tournaments before he first reached the top of the world ranking.

What they have in common is raw talent, the ability to control the golf ball like few others, a passion to compete and winning majors in record fashion at an early age. Woods was 21 when he set the Masters record at 270 and won by 12 shots. McIlroy had just turned 22 when he shot a 268 — breaking the U.S. Open record by four shots — to win at Congressional.

Woods is 36, although rivalries never have been about age.

Nicklaus was 10 years younger than Arnold Palmer, and 10 years older than Tom Watson.

Sometimes it can be about going head-to-head — Greg Norman and Nick Faldo come to mind — though mostly it's about taking turns winning tournaments, and winning majors.

McIlroy still has a ways to go. Besides, he's not interested in rivalries at the moment.

"I'm going to let other people make the comparisons," McIlroy said. "I'm not going to try and compare myself to anyone else. I've never said that I want to be the next anyone. I just want to be the first Rory McIlroy, however good that turns out to be. Then, I'll try my best to win tournaments and to win majors and to be the best player in the world."

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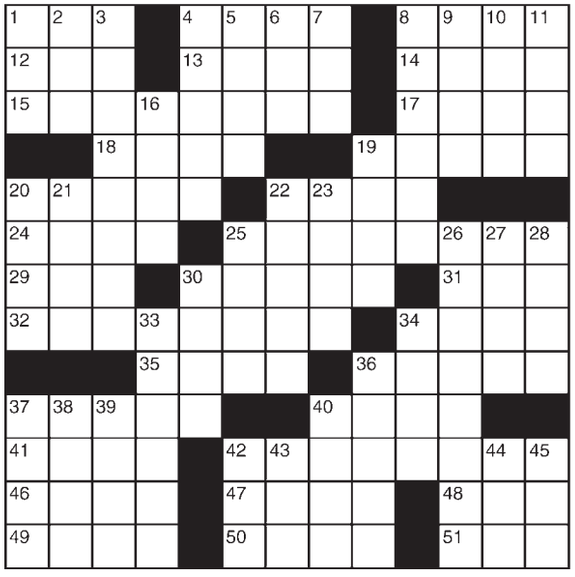

Across

1 Corn spike
4 Stow cargo
8 Office note
12 Life story, for short
13 Lotion additive
14 Acknowledge
15 Unwanted repercussions
17 Cleo's river
18 Doctor's due
19 Stopped a squeak
20 Aesopian lesson
22 Transcending (Pref.)
24 Pavlov or Lendl
25 Aped
29 Calendar abbr.
30 Paycheck extra
31 Aye canceler
32 Rorschach patterns
34 "Phooey!"
35 Tramp's love
36 Syrup provider
37 Talking bird
40 Addition problems
41 Thy
42 Group of submarines
46 Youngster
47 Fix a text
48 Dove's call
49 Gardening tools
50 Ms. Moore
51 Barbie's companion

Down

1 "Cabaret" lyricist
2 Have a bug
3 Car attachment
4 Tag
5 "Sad to say ..."
6 Elmer, to Bugs
7 "A mouse!"
8 "Flashdance" song
9 Satanic
10 Double agent
11 Hadn't paid yet
16 Slowly withdraw (from)
19 Elevator name
20 Calf-length
21 It takes the cake
22 Like some mouthwash
23 Ostriches' kin
25 Disposition
26 Hiker's carryall
27 Count counterpart
28 Unit of force
30 Mediocre
33 Trumpet sounds
34 Moist
36 Civvies
37 Legend
38 Vacillate
39 Use the microwave
40 Slender
42 Marry
43 Praise in verse
44 Miler Sebastian

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Yesterday's answer

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Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You will see or hear something that hands you the opportunity for which you have been waiting.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. It does not matter how many tasks you have to deal with today, you will breeze through them all without a care in the world.

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Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. It may look as if you are getting the poor end of a deal, but over the next few weeks you will more than make up for it.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Do something meaningful, something that makes a difference. The possibilities are endless.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Some people will be a little bit demanding today and it seems you have little choice but to do as they say.

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